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Lieut. General Bedell Smith  
Director Central Intelligence Agency  
Administration Building  
2430 "E" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Smith:

Next month the National Security Commission of The American Legion will hold its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. At that time it will study our National Security Program and will recommend to The American Legion such changes as current world conditions mandate. To this important meeting we are inviting key people in our national security structure to bring us information and recommendations.

Because of your intimate association with the Intelligence structure of this Nation and its vital importance to our national security, we would like for you to meet with us at 4:30 the afternoon of January 26th. We would like for you to discuss for approximately thirty minutes the general plans and organization of the Central Intelligence Agency and what we of The American Legion can do to assist in providing the tools needed for an adequate Intelligence Agency. This discussion is to be followed by a short question and answer period.

Our Commission will hold its meetings in the Washington Hotel, located at Fifteenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. In addition to the members of the National Security Commission we will have in attendance at this closed meeting the Chairman of the Security Committees.

We sincerely hope that your schedule will permit you to be with us on the afternoon of January 26th.

Very truly yours,

*Martin B. Buckner*

MARTIN B. BUCKNER, Director  
National Security Commission